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AMENDMENT

Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action of March 2, 2001 has been carefully reviewed and the following amendments and remarks are made in response thereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 27 and 28 without prejudice.

α Please amend claims 1, 12, and 26 as follows:

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1. (three times amended) A carrier for the oral administration of an additive selected from the group consisting of pharmaceutical, nutritional supplements, vitamins and minerals, and mixtures thereof to mammals in a discrete dosage form, said carrier comprising:

an extrudate including a matrix having
about [20]10 to about 50% wt starch,
0 to about 40% wt fat or oil,